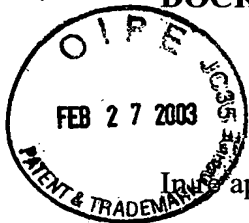


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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE**

This response is being filed in reply to the September 27, 2002 office action (Paper No. 6). Although the claims set forth in Applicants' February 1, 2002 Preliminary Amendment have been examined, the Office Action did not explicitly confirm that this amendment had been entered. Please confirm that Applicants' February 1, 2002 Preliminary Amendment has been entered.

**REMARKS**

After entry of the Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Four independent claims, claims 1, 10, 19, 31 and 33, are pending. Independent claim 19 and its dependent claims 20-22, 29, and 30 have been allowed. Although the office action indicates that some of independent claims 1, 10, and 33 dependent claims contain allowable subject matter,

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